

I currently live in Lake Oswego, Oregon, but I grew up in a small farming community in Eastern Oregon and my parents still live there. Whenever I go home to visit them I never have good cell phone coverage. It is spotty at best. And many cell phone companies don't even provide service in the area. Instead of capping the funds to improve the cell phone infrastructure, I suggest you do more to improve it. Because they live in a remote area, they rely on volunteers for their fire department and for their Quick Response Unit, which provides basic first aid in the event of car accidents or other emergency medical problems. Because these services are volunteer based and people work on farms, the volunteers would not be easy to reach if there isn't reliable cell phone service. Cell phone service isn't a luxury, but a vital communication lifeline, especially for small communities in a rural area. By capping wireless services in rural areas, you are telling those people that just because of where they live they are unworthy of the same vital lifeline of communication as people in metropolitan areas.

Thank you for considering my comment.

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